

September 4, 1945

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SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM - 239

Administrative-10

SUBJECT: Preference Ratings and Allotment Certificates

As a result of victory over Japan, military procurement has been drastically reduced. The supply of materials for non-military use is expected to increase rapidly so as to be generally adequate to meet all demands. There is, consequently, no further need for general priorities assistance for non-military needs and it is the general policy of WPB to grant such assistance only in exceptional cases.

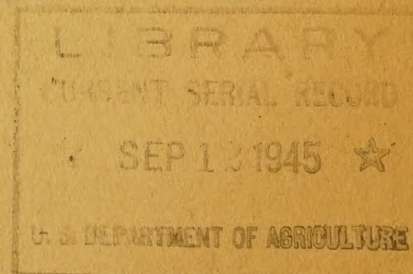
Copper Wire - After September 10, 1945, County Committees should not issue Farmer's Copper Wire Allotment Certificates (Form CMPL-361). Certificates issued on or before this date must be used by the holders within ten days of date of issuance. Likewise, if dealers use these certificates to order from warehouses, orders must be placed so that shipments may be made by September 30, 1945. As of September 10, 1945, Special Services Memorandum 213, Construction 54, Supplement 6, is revoked except that the appropriate reports for the period August 11 through September 10 must be made. Also, on September 10, the following Special Services Memorandums become inactive: 163, 164, 179, 188, 191, 209, 227, 231, and item 3 of 233.

Lumber - Effective immediately, County Committees should not issue Farmer's Lumber Certificates (Form FL-201) except for maintenance, repair and operating purposes or in emergency cases. Further, effective October 1, 1945, County Committees shall not issue ratings under any conditions. As of September 30, 1945, Special Services Memorandum 217, Construction 55, Supplement 4, is revoked except that reports from the respective committees for the period August 27 through September 30 should be made. Also, on September 30 the following Special Services Memorandums become inactive: 134, 151, 168, 169, 175, 183, 184, 192, 210, items 2 of 233, and 234.

It is believed that retail lumber dealers generally may not request rating certificates since such certificates may not be extended after September 30. However, if dealers extend rated orders to and are accepted by mills before September 30, such orders should be filled before other orders received after that date or unrated orders received any time.

Construction Applications Under L-41 - Until further notice, WPB-617 applications for farm construction will be handled according to instructions in Special Services Memorandum 220, Construction 64, as issued June 26, 1945. Approvals for farm construction are still required but ratings for procurement of materials will not be assigned by WPB. However, in the event that a rating is required for some of the materials needed to complete an approved project, applications for priorities assistance should be made to the same local WPB field office using Form WPB-541A (Revised). (See paragraph on "Miscellaneous Priority Assistance" on reverse side of this memorandum.)

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Farm Gas Engines - The WPB has discontinued scheduling the production of engines and has stopped using ratings at the user level. Accordingly, effective September 1, County Committees should not issue Preference Rating Certificates to Acquire Engines for Farm Use (Form GA-276). Procedures outlined in Special Services Memorandum 159, Machinery Rationing 156, are cancelled as of that date except that reports for the month of August must be submitted.

Miscellaneous Priority Assistance - WPB Order, PR-28, copy attached, provides means for civilians to obtain priority assistance after September 30 in exceptional cases by establishing CC ratings. Such ratings are applied for on Form WPB 541-A (Revised) which should be filed with the local WPB field office. County Committees may make recommendations on such application. A brief and concise statement attached, showing the urgency of the situation, will be of material assistance in securing approval of the application. Copies of PR-28 are being forwarded to State offices in quantities sufficient to furnish one copy to each county office.

CC ratings may be applied for under the following conditions:

- (1) The applicant is not able, without preference rating assistance, to get the item required in the minimum quantity and on the latest date practicable.
- (2) The item is required for at least one of the following reasons:
 - (a) The item is needed to eliminate serious hazard to life, health or safety
 - (b) The item is needed in an emergency to remedy an actual or imminent breakdown or to replace an item destroyed by flood, fire, tornado, or other Act of God
 - (c) Where for other reasons, failure to obtain delivery of the item would result in unreasonable and exceptional hardship.

Controlled Materials - No more controlled material allotment numbers will be issued for carloads of wire fencing or other controlled materials under CMP-Reg. 4. Allotments heretofore issued and placed with mills will become unrated if not filled by September 30. PR-19 is still operative as outlined in Special Services Memorandum-215, and farmers may use this method to procure farm supply items, including merchant trade products. Special Services Memorandum 97, Supplies 49; last paragraph of Special Services Memorandum-215, Supplies 57; and item No. 4 of Special Services Memorandum 233, Administrative 7, become inactive immediately.

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SSM-240

SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM - 240

Construction 64
Amendment 1

SUBJECT: Farm Construction. Order L-41 as Revised September 7, 1945

Attached is a copy of WPB Order L-41, revised September 7, 1945. Copies of this order are being forwarded to State offices in quantities sufficient to furnish one to each county and a limited number for State office use.

The revised order requires farmers to file applications only for the following types of construction on a farm when the cost of the construction exceeds the \$1000 exemption: (1) farm dwellings, (2) exterior additions to existing farm dwellings, and (3) irrigation or water systems to serve more than one farm.

Maintenance and repair work which does not involve exterior additions is now unlimited.

The construction of buildings which were destroyed by fire, flood, tornado, or other disaster, since April 9, 1942, may be undertaken without securing WPB permission. The emergency procedure is not needed and is no longer in effect.

In processing farm dwelling cases, it is not necessary to restrict approval only to those cases where it is apparent that there would be a direct contribution to food production. However, it is necessary that all cases recommended for approval be bona fide farm cases.

The paragraphs of the revised order referring specifically to farm construction are (d)-(1) (i), and (e)-(7) and (8). The interpretation of paragraph (e)-(8) is that an irrigation or water system serving one farm is exempted.

On September 18, 1945, the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion and the War Production Board announced that L-41 restrictions on construction would be removed on October 15, 1945. Effective October 15, the following memorandums become inactive: Special Services Memorandum 220 (L-41 Handbook); 223; 230; 233; and the paragraph in Special Services Memorandum 239 headed "Construction Applications under L-41."

